



## STATEMENTS OF FAITH

**Julian Awdry, Deacon**

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**“I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord...”**

My faith has been forged and formed, through learning, almost as far back as I remember: I received my first Bible and a copy of the “Book of Common Prayer” at three months, as gifts from Godparents at my baptism. My parents introduced me to both Church and the Bible at a very early age, and I could recite the Creed long before I understood what it meant.

I learned in school and at Church: most primary schools in England – and secondary schools – had a religious connection in the day, and were referred to as CofE Primary or Secondary (meaning Church of England), so little wonder that we had formal instruction weekly on the Bible and Church, focused on the Anglican Communion. Religious Instruction in school continued well into my teenage years, for which I remain grateful, although it became much more interesting when we started to learn about other religions, as well as the history. If faith is the sum of truths revealed by God in scripture and tradition and which the Church presents to us in a brief form in her creeds, it is necessary for us to learn and to understand, in order to agree to those truths.

I learned from my parents, growing up: in addition to instruction from the Church, my parents played a huge role in the development of my faith. Committed and thoughtful Christians, actively involved in our local Church, at home they taught us values, while encouraging us to think, question, debate and challenge ideas and information. They were steadfast in their relationship with God, with the Church, with each other, with family and with the community in which we lived. My mother especially was one of the most loving and giving peo-

ple I will ever know; she and my Dad together lived their faith as examples to my siblings and me. Diagnosed with terminal cancer far too young, my mother – (and father in support) – maintained a resolute and unshakeable faith to the end, with courage, grace and humor, and belief in the resurrection and life in the world to come.

And, I am learning from my own journey: I left home at 18, and left England at 21. I have now lived in 8 countries, been afforded the opportunity to live and work amongst people of different races and cultures and religions. I feel truly blessed, and have been able to live out the admonition “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you...” I have been asked to explain my faith by those of different faiths, or no faith, and I have asked those of different faiths to explain their faith to me. All of which provide opportunities to learn, and to reaffirm my own faith. I have spoken with Agnostics and Atheists, Buddhists and Baptists, Moslems and Mormons, Jews and Jesuits, among others.

The process of living, and learning, continues, but I am proud today to be a member of Tualatin Presbyterian Church, and to profess my faith through a creed that I have come to understand.

**“I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”**

**AMEN**

**Dan Barker, Deacon**

I like the description of Faith as a Journey because it has been, and continues to be, one for me.

I was born into a religiously conservative family that attended church weekly. The church we



# Statement of Faith/Meet the Owens

attended believed the Bible to be literally true and without error. I was encouraged to make a commitment to God at an early age and was baptized as a young schoolboy. There were long lists of beliefs and behaviors (mostly things to avoid) that defined my family's brand of Christianity. As a young adult I began to doubt some of those beliefs and wasn't doing too well on the list of things to avoid either.

I attended a Christian grade school, and later attended religiously sponsored colleges: both Protestant and Catholic. I had ample opportunity to study the old and new testaments and to take theology classes that explored Christianity's beliefs and history.

Through the years, I thought a lot about the claims of Christianity. I was stuck with questions for which answers were not always forthcoming. I believed in the existence of God and had regard for Christian values, but I saw many Christians not living out those values. I got hung up on Biblical "details". Do you have to believe in the parting of the Red Sea or the feeding of the 5000? What about the virgin birth? Christ walking on water? How does one understand and deal with the miracles described in the Bible in light of modern science? I have not been totally successful in resolving such matters.

At some point I decided I needed to be less concerned about the details and just define the spiritual core upon which I could base my life. So here it is:

I believe in the existence of a loving God who created the universe and has entered human history. I believe God loves me along with the rest of humanity. I am a follower of Jesus of Nazareth. I strive to love God and my neighbors and I try to show my faith through my actions. That's it.

So while there are lots of theological concepts - - - like the trinity or Jesus' humanity/divinity that are interesting and certainly worthy of discussion, I don't consider them to be essentials of my faith. Particularly given that differing beliefs about such

tenants have been the cause of discord among Christians for the last two thousand years.

I take great comfort in a couple of verses, which speak to me of what God considers important:

## **Micah 6:8**

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

## **Matthew 22:37-40**

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'"



**Greg and Debby Owen** met in Northeastern Pennsylvania on a blind date in November of 1974 and were married the following May. They celebrated their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

this year in Palm Springs, CA.

When Greg accepted a job in Lake Oswego in 1994, the whole family moved across the country from Reading, PA. When they moved into their new Tualatin home, they went next door to introduce themselves to their new neighbors. Greg and Debby Owen met Greg and Debbie Imus and have been best friends ever since.

When they first moved to Tualatin, their sons were going to Boy Scout Troop 35 meetings held at TPC. They decided to check out TPC among other local Presbyterian Churches. After one time at TPC, they never left and joined in November of 1994. Greg has served as Building and Grounds Elder and Debby is a former Deacon. They both feel that TPC is their home and family. The offering plates used today were made by Greg's Father.

# MISSION REPORT

Greg, a Mechanical Engineering graduate of Purdue University works at Jacobs Engineering in Lake Oswego as a project manager. He grew up in New Albany, Indiana which is right across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. Greg's mother is a very active 90-year old who still drives and travels extensively.

Debby graduated from Reading Area Community College and is working as an administrative assistant at Cambia in the Regence Health Care Services Department. Her mother, brother and his family still reside in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania where Debby grew up.

Greg and Debby have two sons, Todd and Kevin. Todd is living in Tualatin and also working at Jacobs as an architectural designer. Kevin, an attorney, married a wonderful young woman, Pat, who is from Thailand. They have a 4 year-old daughter, Schuyler, with another baby due in December. They live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

They both enjoy going to the Trailblazer games, playing Trivia at a local sports bar, traveling and playing with their two Australian Terriers and cat. Their favorite place to visit is St Martin's in the Caribbean. Greg also enjoys woodworking, Sudoku and watching his favorite TV station – CNN. Debby enjoys crossword and jigsaw puzzles and playing computer games.

Submitted by Nancy Wilcox,  
Deacon, Parish #6

## MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

### Personal Missions

The mission statement for TPC begins: "Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a family of faith called by God to worship, serve and love. ..." Members of our congregation follow the way of Christ by serving in various and diverse ways. Some give back to the church, some to the community, some to the state, some to the country and some to the world. Some participate in work parties, some create clothing and blankets for children in need,

some perform music that brings a smile and gladdens the heart or simply soothes a troubled soul.

We asked members of the congregation what their personal mission was – how they helped others. Here is just a small sample of some of their responses.

- Tutor fourth graders in reading and writing
- Work with international college students
- Help out in the local library
- Volunteer at Meridian Park Hospital
- Provide meals for volunteer medical staff at health clinic
- Serve on the ski patrol
- Grow vegetables for the local food pantry
- Cook food for Doernbecher Pediatric Hospital fundraisers
- Tend the church's memorial garden
- Deliver bread to church visitors
- Work on Habitat for Humanity home sites
- Take people to doctor and other medical appointments
- Drive for Meals on Wheels
- Volunteer at the All Classical radio station
- Volunteer as a court appointed special advocate for abused children
- Lead the kitchen clean-up crew
- Mentor an at-risk high school student
- Build pallets of medicine for Medical Teams International

Friends, we all live busy lives, but it is obvious from the above list that many, many of us have heard the call to serve and have found ways to use our individual gifts and talents to creatively meet the needs that they see in their daily lives. Thank you for all your time, energy and effort dedicated to carrying out your personal mission.

Chip Kyle, Elder  
Mission Committee

## ANNOUNCING SUMMER VACATION ALL CHURCH BOOK READ

This first ever all church book read provides you with a great opportunity to read an interesting book and share your opinions and thoughts with your TPC Family of Faith.

Even if you're traveling, you can participate anywhere you have internet access. We plan to use a "protected group" on Facebook.

For those who would like to learn more about negotiating Facebook, there will be a training session after church on **Sunday, June 3rd**. The \$10 fee, payable at the door, will cover the trainer (Ian Doescher) and lunch.

There will be two face-to-face discussions, on July 15 and August 5, lead by Pastor Ken.

The book under discussion is a New York Times Best Seller:

*Love Wins—A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell

The book will challenge your thinking as it discusses what the scriptures say about heaven and hell. It explores whether we have distorted the Christian message and the nature of God. These questions, and others, will provoke interesting conversation.

You may also wish to purchase *The Love Wins Companion—A Study Guide for Those Who Want to Go Deeper*. Both books are available on Amazon in either paper or download form. Prices range from \$8 to \$15 a book depending on the format.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please indicate if you plan to attend the Facebook Training Class on June 3 with lunch provided. Separately indicate if you wish to participate in the Facebook closed group. Anyone who has read the book may participate in the face-to-face group discussions during the summer.

## ESSENTIAL HEALTH CLINIC

TPC will provide dinner for the volunteer medical staff at the free, Essential Health Clinic, on **Wed., June 13**. The clinic, which is open every Wednesday evening at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway, (the

North end of the Safeway Mall), serves both the uninsured and the underinsured. The patients range in age from infants to the elderly.

We invite you to volunteer and continue the TPC tradition of great meals for the medical staff. Sign up in the Narthex to help provide dinner. Please plan your contribution to serve 16 adults. Dishes can be brought to TPC by 2:00 p.m. on June 13, for delivery to the Clinic. If you have questions, please talk to Joan Nardi 503 684-6529.

**Sunday, June 24** is the church picnic at Tualatin City Park (on Tualatin Road) following worship. The fellowship committee will provide the sausages and buns, lemonade, iced tea and water. Everyone bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Please bring your own dishes and silverware.

Come to church in your picnic clothes and be prepared for a good time. There will be bocce ball for the adults and games for the kids. Anyone wanting to help with games for the kids contact Barb Crall at 503-692-1677 or [barbc@compix.com](mailto:barbc@compix.com). We also need some men who would like to get to the park a little early and get the fire going and grill sausages.

**Saturday, August 11** is the summer progressive dinner. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

**Saturday, August 25** there will be a potluck salad luncheon for the ladies of TPC at Laura Spurrell's home. We will gather at noon and enjoy good food and fellowship on Laura's lovely backyard patio.

## ADULT MISSION TRIP, OCTOBER, 2012

In late October, we will join the Presbytery of the Cascades in their annual mission trip to New Orleans. Though the aftermath of the Katrina Hurricane has faded from the news, there is still much work to be done replacing housing that was lost. Along with 20 other volunteers from the Presbytery, we will spend a week, rehabbing existing homes or building new ones. The work is rewarding, the food is great, and the camaraderie is first rate. If you are interested in participating in this needed outreach, please contact Joan Nardi (former Mission Elder) or Chip Kyle (current Mission Elder) or the church office. An informational packet is available from the Mission Committee. Deadline to sign up is June 30.

## AN UPDATE ON OUR AUCTION

On April 21, 2012 approximately 100 friends gathered at Tualatin Presbyterian for food, fellowship and an auction. As important as it was to our retiring the mortgage, equally important was the fun and frolic we all enjoyed. Charlie Brown and Craig Walker were outstanding as our auctioneers. They were pretty funny, too.

Our net proceeds were \$9,627.17. The total received to retire the debt in April was \$37,472.17. As of the end of May, 2012 the mortgage balance will be \$171,518.21. We are making progress. It is good to remember why we are retiring the debt. Thank you for your efforts.

Thank you to the members of the committee who organized this event and worked very hard at making it a success. They are Rod Kerr, Chip Kyle, Mike Nelson, Bob Bolton, Ted and Adele Pelletier, Maureen Richardson, Susan Springer, Rhoda Friesen, Ken Evers-Hood, Mary Ortez, Tom & Clare Hahn, Greg & Debbie Owen, Bob & Judy Nix, Barb Crall and her fellowship committee, Pam and Scott Cameron, Rick Crall, Charlie Brown, Craig Walker.

As you can tell, one person did not make this happen. We are fortunate as a church family to have so many people who just ask, "what can I do to help?" Thank you all for helping us make this event such a success.  
Sherry Nelson



Thank you, Marian Smith, for *many years* of service entering the attendance data gathered each Sunday morning. Marian and her helper, Barbara Harriman, have

been faithful volunteers working behind the scenes recording each person's visit, address changes and special notes into our database. While Barbara will continue to help with this, Marian is going to focus on other tasks at this time. If you enjoy data entry and have an hour to give volunteering once, twice, or even 3 times a month early in the week, please contact Rhoda Friesen [Rhoda@tpcspirit.org](mailto:Rhoda@tpcspirit.org), or 503-201-5253.

## May Session Meeting Highlights Carolyn Barker, Clerk of Session

Active membership is now 270. Since January 2012 there have been four baptisms, 15 membership additions and 4 membership losses, including the death of Dorothy Mears on May 11, 2012.

The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood will take his required three-month sabbatical in June, July and August of 2013.

Session approved a contract not exceeding \$6,500 with Meyer Sign Co to prepare and erect new signage on Boones Ferry Road.

The hiring committee for the Bell Choir Director has advertised the position and to date has received one application.

Session approved Presbytery's request to pay \$245.10, which is one-half the travel cost for David Norse to meet with the Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Session approved payment of \$595.20 for Susan Springer to obtain continuing education toward achieving Level I certification from the Administrative Personnel Association.

Session discussed data from the church survey confirming the need to retire debt in order to hire staff and strengthen youth and children's programs. Conversation centered on how to add more members given the limited building and parking space.

The above information has been compiled from Session meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes are available in the church office.

## ROSES ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

While it has been a pleasure to put roses on the communion table to welcome new babies to our TPC family over the past year, I am finding it almost impossible to keep up with all these new babies! Going forward, a rose will be given to the family at the child's baptism at TPC, but no longer placed on the communion table following a birth. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to let the office staff or me know when new little ones are born so that an announcement can be placed in the Sunday bulletin. Of course, we hope that announcements will be made during Joys and Concerns.

Maureen Richardson, Worship Elder

## **JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH**

### **Keep you and your family safe at home**

Keeping your family out of harm's way is your **Number 1** priority. Unfortunately, many of our homes can be dangerous – preventable injuries and deaths continue to rise in homes and communities.

The National Safety Council estimates everyday approximately 245 people die of unintentional injuries in homes and communities. In 2007, the six leading causes of unintentional injury death in the U.S. were: motor vehicle crashes, poisonings, including unintentional overdoses, falls, choking, drowning, fires, flames and smoke.

When someone is injured, the effects go beyond that person and extend to family members, friends, neighbors, employers and communities. The key to preventing injuries is making simple changes to your lifestyle - recognizing where most hazards are and how injuries can occur when participating in different activities.

Below are a few strategies to prevent injuries: Stay off your cell phone when you are driving. Your safety practices directly influence the safety practices of your children. Get trained in first aid, CPR and AED online or in a classroom. Check, and if necessary, change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Properly dispose of unused and expired medications.

Share these strategies with family, friends and neighbors. Explore more safety practices in the new Safety at Home section of this website <http://www.nsc.org>. Subsections include Home and Recreational Safety, Motor Vehicle Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and Family Safety Training. You can help keep those around you safe and alive. Submitted by Dianne Lemmon, PN

### **FOOD PANTRY REQUEST**

The Food Pantry needs a volunteer to pick up pastries on Fridays. The pastry needs to be picked up at two Starbucks and one Donutland and taken to the Pantry between 8 and 9 a.m. The volunteer returns to the Pantry between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to pick up the containers and return them to the stores. Two people could divide this task.

If you can help, please contact Tracy Smith, Program Coordinator, Tualatin School House Pantry, 503-783-0721 or [tracy@schoolhousepantry.org](mailto:tracy@schoolhousepantry.org).

The Tualatin School House Pantry is located at Rolling Hills Community Church, 3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin, OR 97062. Website: [www.schoolhousepantry.org](http://www.schoolhousepantry.org)

**NO MORE EGG CARTONS, please.** The Food Pantry has plenty.

### **NO LONGER COLLECTING PLASTIC PILL CONTAINERS**

#### **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CROCKPOT LID**

Barb Crall ended up with the wrong lid for her crockpot after the potluck on May 6. If you brought a crockpot and your crockpot has an oval glass lid, please check that you have the right one. Thanks for your help. Barb (503) 692-1677.

#### **TPC 2012 ANNUAL PER CAPITA EXPENSE**

Per capita is not a budgeted item; we ask members to pay their annual expense. This year it is \$23.85 per member. Please make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Thanks. As of 4/30, we're short \$3,569.20.

#### **RETIRE THE DEBT DONATIONS**

If you plan to donate to help pay off the church mortgage, please consider paying now rather than later...saves on interest.



#### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

4—Bob Paetsch, Shari Olsen, 5—Connie Myers, 6—Rich Robertson, 7—Julian Awdry, Bradley Olson, 8—Jackie Norman, 9—Candace Fant, 10—Bud Bender, 11—Jan Bender, 12—Del Judy, Mike Nelson, 13—Rob Ayers, 14—Carolyn Hale, Marilyn Wood, 15—Diane Adams, 17—Bill Dunlap, Judy Nix, 19—Bill Wahl, 21—Gordy Winterrowd, Elliott Grover, 23—Tim DeBruyn, 24—Tara Schleicher, 27—Gwen Hale, 28—Barbara Harriman, 29—Marilyn Staples-Sundt, 30—Herb Zachow, Michele Crawford

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

## JUNE, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 27</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship 11:30—1 p.m. Survey data presentation; sandwiches provided	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship 11:30—1 p.m. Facebook training for Book Study \$10. 7 p.m. Starlight Symphony Concert	<b>4</b> 7 pm Spiritual Formation off site. For info, talk to Laura Spurrell 503-692-7034	<b>5</b> 7 pm Fellowship meeting	<b>6</b> NO Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>7</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship	<b>11</b> 7 pm Deacon meeting	<b>12</b> 7 pm Mission meeting	<b>13</b> Dinner for Essential Health Clinic 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>17</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 pm Session meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10 am to noon Loving Stitches	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Church picnic after worship at Tualatin City Park	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. July newsletter deadline	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

### 2012 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 4-30-2012)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$112,980	\$97,597	\$15,382
Expenses Year to Date (as of 4-30-2012)			
	\$100,749	103,774	\$3,025

**For the latest updates, check the calendar posted on the church website, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

Regular TPC office hours are  
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call (503) 692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org  
if you've moved or changed your email address.

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Survey Presentation after  
worship on Sunday, May 27.  
Come learn more about who  
we are and who God may be  
calling us to become.

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**The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood**

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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Philip Martin

**Elders:** Randy Beyer, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Maureen Richardson, Karen Schmitt, Kathy Sweetland, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

**Deacons:** Julian Awdry, Dan Barker, Bud Bender, Candace Fant, Barb Kerr, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Bob Nix, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, Jeni Wiggers, and Nancy Wilcox.

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**Bell Choir Director:** Vacant

**Webmaster:** Ted Pelletier  
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**Art Director:** Ellen VanSchoiack  
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**Parish Nurse:** Dianne Lemmon  
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